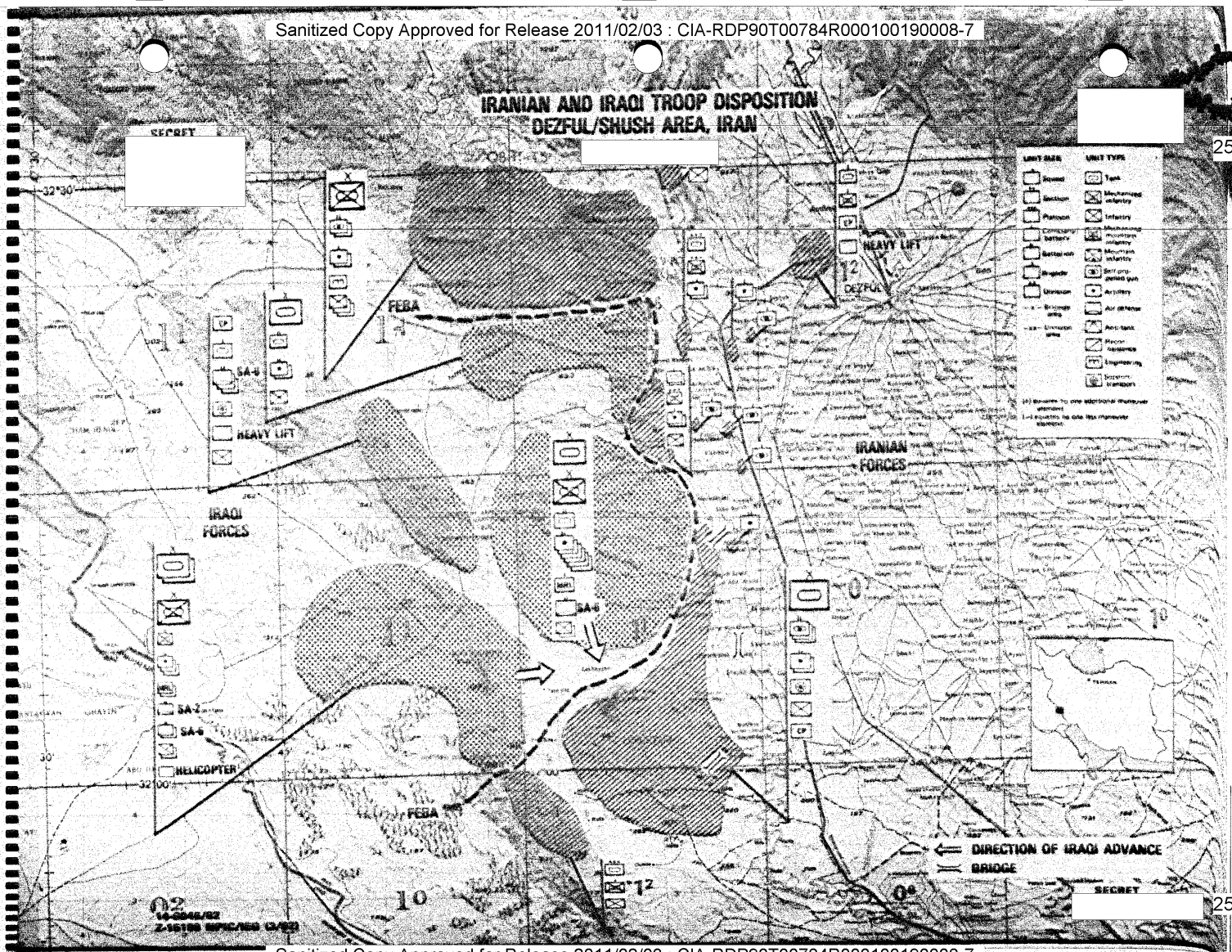


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1. (S/D) SIGNIFICANCE: IRAQI OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS AND IRANIAN REINFORCEMENT ACTIVITY IN THE DEZFUL/SHUSH AREA, _____

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2. (S/D) REMARKS: AN IRAQI ARMOR FORCE, SUPPORTED BY ARTILLERY AND INFANTRY UNITS, HAD REDEPLOYED FROM THE NORTH AND WEST TO AN UNCONTESTED AREA, BETWEEN 9 AND 17 NM SOUTHWEST OF SHUSH, BETWEEN _____. ALTHOUGH NO IRANIAN POSITIONS WERE OVERRUN BY THIS OFFENSIVE REDEPLOYMENT, APPROXIMATELY 25 IRAQI ARMORED VEHICLES HAD BEEN DESTROYED BY HOSTILE FIRE.

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(S/D) IRAQI FORCES DEPLOYED BETWEEN 2.5 AND 14 NM WEST OF SHUSH, IN SUPPORT OF THE REDEPLOYMENT FROM THE NORTH, CONSISTED OF MAJOR ELEMENTS OF ONE ARMOR BRIGADE, ONE MECHANIZED INFANTRY BRIGADE, ONE TANK BATTALION, SIX FIELD ARTILLERY (FA) BATTALIONS, ONE MULTIPLE-ROCKET-LAUNCHER (MRL) BATTERY, ONE SA-6 BATTALION, AND TWO INFANTRY UNITS. THIS FORCE HAD BEEN AUGMENTED _____ BY TWO FA BATTALIONS AND ONE MRL BATTERY.

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(S/D) IRAQI FORCES DEPLOYED BETWEEN 12 AND 24 NM SOUTHWEST OF SHUSH, IN SUPPORT OF THE REDEPLOYMENT FROM THE WEST, CONSISTED OF MAJOR ELEMENTS OF TWO ARMOR BRIGADES, ONE MECHANIZED INFANTRY BRIGADE, ONE MECHANIZED INFANTRY BATTALION, THREE FA BATTALIONS, TWO MRL BATTERIES, ONE SA-2 BATTALION, TWO SA-6 BATTALIONS, TWO INFANTRY UNITS, AND ONE HELICOPTER ASSAULT UNIT. THIS FORCE HAD BEEN AUGMENTED SINCE _____ BY MAJOR ELEMENTS OF ONE ARMOR BRIGADE, ONE MECHANIZED INFANTRY BRIGADE, AND ONE HELICOPTER UNIT.

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(S/D) IRAQI FORCES DEPLOYED BETWEEN 14 NM WEST AND 21 NM WEST-NORTHWEST OF SHUSH, TO THE REAR OF THE AREA OF REDEPLOYMENT, CONSISTED OF ONE TANK COMPANY, THREE SA-6 BATTALIONS, ONE COMMAND POST, ONE HEAVY-LIFT UNIT, ONE SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT UNIT, AND ONE INFANTRY UNIT.

(S/D) AN ADDITIONAL IRAQI FORCE CONSISTING OF ONE ARMOR

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BRIGADE, ONE TANK BATTALION, TWO FA BATTALIONS AND ONE INFANTRY UNIT WAS DEPLOYED BETWEEN 12 AND 23 NM WEST OF DEZFUL. THIS FORCE HAD BEEN AUGMENTED [REDACTED] BY ONE FA BATTALION.

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(S/D) IRANIAN FORCES DEPLOYED OPPOSITE THE AREA OF THE IRAQI REDEPLOYMENT, BETWEEN THE CITY OF SHUSH AND A POINT 15 NM SOUTHWEST OF THE CITY, CONSISTED OF ONE ARMOR BRIGADE, THREE SELF-PROPELLED-GUN (SPG) BATTALIONS, THREE FA BATTALIONS, ONE COMMAND POST, ONE SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT UNIT, AND ONE INFANTRY UNIT. THIS FORCE HAD BEEN AUGMENTED [REDACTED] WHEN ONLY ONE TANK COMPANY, TWO SPG BATTERIES, TWO FA BATTALIONS, AND ONE INFANTRY UNIT WERE IDENTIFIED IN THIS AREA. TWO PONTON BRIDGES WERE SPANNING THE KARKHEH RIVER TO THE REAR OF THIS DEPLOYMENT AREA AT POINTS 5.2 NM SOUTH AND 1.5 NM SOUTHWEST RESPECTIVELY FROM SHUSH. ADDITIONALLY, ONE PONTON BRIDGE HAD BEEN ERECTED ACROSS A TRIBUTARY OF THE KARKHEH RIVER IN THIS AREA [REDACTED] AT A POINT 11.3 NM SOUTH OF SHUSH.

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(S/D) IRANIAN FORCES DEPLOYED IN AN AREA APPROXIMATELY 17 NM SOUTHWEST OF SHUSH CONSISTED OF ONE TANK PLATOON, ONE MECHANIZED INFANTRY COMPANY, AND ONE INFANTRY UNIT. THIS FORCE HAD BEEN AUGMENTED [REDACTED] BY ONE MECHANIZED INFANTRY COMPANY.

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(S/D) IRANIAN FORCES DEPLOYED ON THE WEST BANK OF THE KARKHEH RIVER APPROXIMATELY 14 NM SOUTHWEST OF DEZFUL, CONSISTED OF TWO TANK COMPANIES, ONE MECHANIZED INFANTRY PLATOON, TWO FA BATTERIES, AND ONE INFANTRY UNIT. THIS FORCE HAD BEEN AUGMENTED [REDACTED] WHEN ONLY ONE TANK PLATOON AND ONE INFANTRY UNIT WERE IDENTIFIED IN THIS AREA.

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(S/D) IRANIAN FORCES DEPLOYED BETWEEN 12 AND 26 NM WEST AND NORTHWEST OF DEZFUL ON THE WEST BANK OF THE KARKHEH RIVER, CONSISTED OF ELEMENTS OF ONE MECHANIZED INFANTRY BRIGADE, TWO SPG BATTALIONS, TWO FA BATTERIES, ONE ENGINEER UNIT, AND AT LEAST THREE INFANTRY UNITS. THIS FORCE HAD BEEN AUGMENTED [REDACTED] BY ELEMENTS OF TWO MECHANIZED INFANTRY BATTALIONS, AND TWO SPG BATTERIES.

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(S/D) IRANIAN FORCES DEPLOYED ON THE EAST BANK OF THE KARKHEH RIVER, FROM A POINT 12 NM NORTHWEST OF DEZFUL TO A POINT 12 NM SOUTHWEST OF DEZFUL AND 3.5 NM NORTH OF SHUSH, CONSISTED OF ONE TANK COMPANY, ONE TANK PLATOON, ONE MECHANIZED INFANTRY COMPANY, ONE MECHANIZED INFANTRY PLATOON, FOUR SPG BATTERIES, FOUR FA BATTERIES, ONE COMMAND POST, ONE HEAVY-LIFT UNIT, AND ONE INFANTRY UNIT. THIS FORCE HAD BEEN AUGMENTED [REDACTED] BY ONE INFANTRY UNIT. [REDACTED]

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